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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13 and 22-28 are pending. Claims 1 and 11 are independent. Claims 14-21 are cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein. Claim 2 is amended. New claims 22-28 are added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the reminders included in section 1 on page 2 of the Office Action. Applicant will keep these suggestions in mind in the future. Applicant respectfully submits that the Abstract complies with all applicable rules. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Abstract be accepted.

In section 3 on pages 2-3, the Office Action rejects claims 11-21 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the subject matter recited therein is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Claims 14-21 are cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein. Claim 11, from which claims 12 and 13 depend, is amended to recite that the subject matter recited therein is implemented in a computer. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter recited in claims 11-13 constitutes statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 11-21 under 35 U.S.C. §101 be withdrawn.

In section 5 on pages 3-7, the Office Action rejects claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,594,664 to Estrada et al. (hereinafter "Estrada"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

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Claim 1 recites, "a method of obtaining customized information regarding a managed object of said network, comprising: a) selecting said managed object on a window displayed by said GUI and communicating identification data of said managed object to the network management system; b) displaying a modified object information window including fields for standard information and additional fields for said customized information pertaining to said managed object" (emphasis added).

In contrast, Estrada discloses the insertion of a graphics object into a document. Estrada does not disclose, teach, or suggest obtaining customized information regarding a managed object of a network.

Furthermore, claim 1 recites, "communicating identification data of said managed object to the network management system" (emphasis added). In contrast, Estrada discloses a graphics object that has selectable parameters (Column 22, lines 37-41). Estrada does not disclose, teach, or suggest that identification data of a managed object is communicated to the network management system (i.e. user screen).

Claims 2-10 are allowable based at least on their dependence from claim 1 for the reasons stated above in connection with claim 1. Further regarding claim 3, the claim recites, "searching an object library for any of said additional attributes." In contrast, Estrada does not disclose, teach, or suggest that any fields or attributes are searchable.

Claim 11 recites, "a plurality of conventional object information fields pertaining to said object of interest in said network" (emphasis added). In contrast, Estrada discloses selectable parameters for a graphics object. See column 22, lines 37-41. Estrada does not disclose, teach,

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or suggest that the selectable parameters are information fields that pertain to an object of interest within a network.

Claims 12 and 13 are allowable based at least on their dependence from claim 11 for the reasons stated above in connection with claim 11. Further regarding claims 12 and 13, the claims recite that, "said custom field area is searchable," and "said operator note area is searchable." In contrast, Estrada does not disclose, teach, or suggest that any fields or notes are searchable.

Claims 14-21 are cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-21 as allegedly being anticipated by Estrada be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION


While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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